captioned "Radioactive material in imported phosphatic fertilisers" appearing in the 'Observer' dated 5 June, 1991;

(b) whether this report is based on a FAO document; and

(c) if so, when this was released and when this was received by the Government through its representative at FAO, Rome indicating action taken/proposed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) :

(a) There is no radioactive cadmium in phosphatic fertilisers as mentioned in the newspaper report. It is well known that all rock phosphates contain traces of uranium. However, they do not pose any health hazards during use.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

RESTRUCTURING/REVAMPING OF FERTILIZER CORPORATION OF INDIA

278. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have taken any decision regarding financial restructuring and revamping of the Fertilizer Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of financial implications, particularly the write-off of accumulated losses; and

(d) the number of employees likely to be retrenched as a result thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Question does not arise.

LIBERAL LICENSING IN PETRO-CHEMICAL SECTOR

279. SHRI SANAT KUMAR MANDAL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether his Ministry have examined the report recently submitted to the Planning Commission according to which liberal licensing is threatening to build up excess capacity in the petro-chemicals sector and likely to lead to wastage of scarce investment in the sector;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) the names of petro-chemical projects already sanctioned including Seelampur aromatics their location, capacity, the business houses involved and the progress made therein;

(d) whether the Government are reconsidering their decision about the implementation of the projects which had already been considerably delayed; and

(e) if so, the facts thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR. CHINTA MOHAN) : (a) and (b) Report on "Perspective Planning of the Petrochemical Industry in India" has just been received from the Planning Commission.

(c) A statement is attached.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Question does not arise.

STATEMENT

Name of the project	Capacity	Location	Business House involved	Progress so far
1	2	3	4	5
Cracker complexes				
Under Implementation				
1. M.G.C.C.	300,000 TPA Ethylene*	Nagathane (Maharashtra)	IPCL (Public Sector)	Ready for commissioning.
2. Hazira Cracker Complex	4000,000 ,,	Hazira (Gujarat)	Reliance Group of Industries	3 downstream units are expected to be commissioned by the end of 1991.
Recent approvals				
1. Auraiya	300,000 ,,	Auraiya (U.P.)	GAIL (Public Sector)	Steps for technology tie up are in hand.
2. Gandhar	300,000 ,,	Gandhar (Gujarat)	IPCL (Public Sector)	-do-
3. NOCIL	240,000 ,,	Thane -Belapur Road (Maharashtra)	NOCIL	-do-
4. Vizag	300 000 ,,	Vishakhapatnam (A.P.)	U.B. Group	Industrial Approval for downstream units under process.
5. Haldia	300,000 ,,	Haldia (W.B.)	WBIDC in Collaboration with Tata Tea Ltd.	Steps for technology tie up are in hand.
6. Assam	300,000 ,,	Assam	Assam SIDC Corporation yet to be selected	Steps for site selection, selection of promoter etc., are in hand.
	2570,000 ,,			
100% EOU Project				
7. Madras Naphtha Cracker	425,000 ,,	Madras (Tamilnadu)	R.P.G. Petrochemicals Ltd.	
2. *PVC Projects*				
Finolex Pipes Ltd.,	1,00,000 TPA	Jaigad Dist. Ratnagiri Maharashtra		FC+CG tied up
3. *Styrene/Polystyrene Project*				
Styrene				
1. Supreme Industries Ltd.	80,000 TPA	N-A-GOTHANE (Maharashtra)	Sh. M.P. Taparia	
2. Polychem Ltd.	80,000 TPA	RAIGAD DISTT. (Maharashtra)	S. Kilachand	Steps for technology tie up in hand.

Polystyrene				
1 Supreme Industries Ltd	40,000 TPA	NAGOTHANE (Maharashtra)	M P Taparia	
2 BASF India Ltd	56,000 TPA	(Gujarat)	BASF	
3 Polychem Ltd	40,000 TPA	RAIGAD DISTT (Maharashtra)	S Kilachand	Steps for technology tie up in hand
MRL Aromatic Complex	Orthoxylene—30,000 TPA Benzene—30,000 TPA PTA—200,000 TPA	Manali Madras	M s Madras Refineries Ltd with M s Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation (SPIC) as co-promotor	1st stage clearance for investment obtained Detailed Feasibility Report has been prepared and submitted to Goverament for investment approval
Saleempur Aromatic Project	PTA—200,000 TPA Paraxylene—103,000 TPA Benzene 30 000 TPA Orthoxylene 30,000 TPA	Saleempur (U P)	M s J K Petrochemicals Ltd	Party has filed a Foreign collaboration application for approval with SIA Technical Evaluation Committee has recommended foreign collaboration except in respect of isomerisation unit The party has agreed to adopt indigenous isomerisation technology The proposal is being processed for necessary recommendations to the Foreign Investment Board (FIB)
Advanced Engg Plastics Phase I		Baroda Gujarat	Joint participation between IPCL and M/s GE plastics Netherlands	Letter of intent issued
Ethylene based gas cracker	300,000 TPA	Dist Bharuch Gujarat	IPCI (Public Sector)	Letter of intent issued
Ethylene Expansion Project	Expansion from 3 00 000 TPA to 4,00,000 TPA	Nagothane Distt Raigarh	IPCI (Public Sector)	Letter of intent issued
Expansion of HDPE capacity	Additional capacity of 75 000 TPA	do	IPCL (Public Sector)	Letter of Intent issued

*with associated downstream products